

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 are currently amended. Corrected drawing sheets, replacing drawing pages 1 and 2 which contain Figs. 1 and 2, are attached.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, indicating that reference character 15 was not mentioned in the description. The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and directs the Examiner's attention to the reference on page 7, line 6.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, indicating Figs. 1 and 2 should be indicated as "Prior Art". The Applicant appends replacement drawing pages in response hereto.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 1-4 to indicate that the "launcher frame" is, in fact, the "box-like launcher frame".

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,144, 786 to Pacione. In making his rejection, the Examiner has provided a section indicating his "interpretation" of the claims. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and respectfully requests that it be withdrawn in light of the amendments to the claims and the arguments set forth herein.

The Examiner has interpreted the preamble of claim 1 as reciting only one positive limitation, the term "apparatus". However, it is clear from the claims and the specification that the apparatus claimed is limited to a very specialized art, rocket launchers. There is no teaching or suggestion in the reference cited by the Examiner that the art therein could in any way be applied to the present application's

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 2. These sheets replace the original sheets containing those same figures and include the legend "PRIOR ART". Fig. 3 is unchanged but is included for drawing uniformity

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

utility. Given the Examiner's inclination to read the preamble of the claim in such a manner, the Applicant has amended the preamble of claim 1 to assist the Examiner's interpretation to be limited to the desired art. Additionally, claims 2-4 have been amended as a result to avoid problems with antecedent basis given the changes in claim 1.

The Applicant has attempted to be responsive to all the Examiner's statements and rejections. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call in order to discuss any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

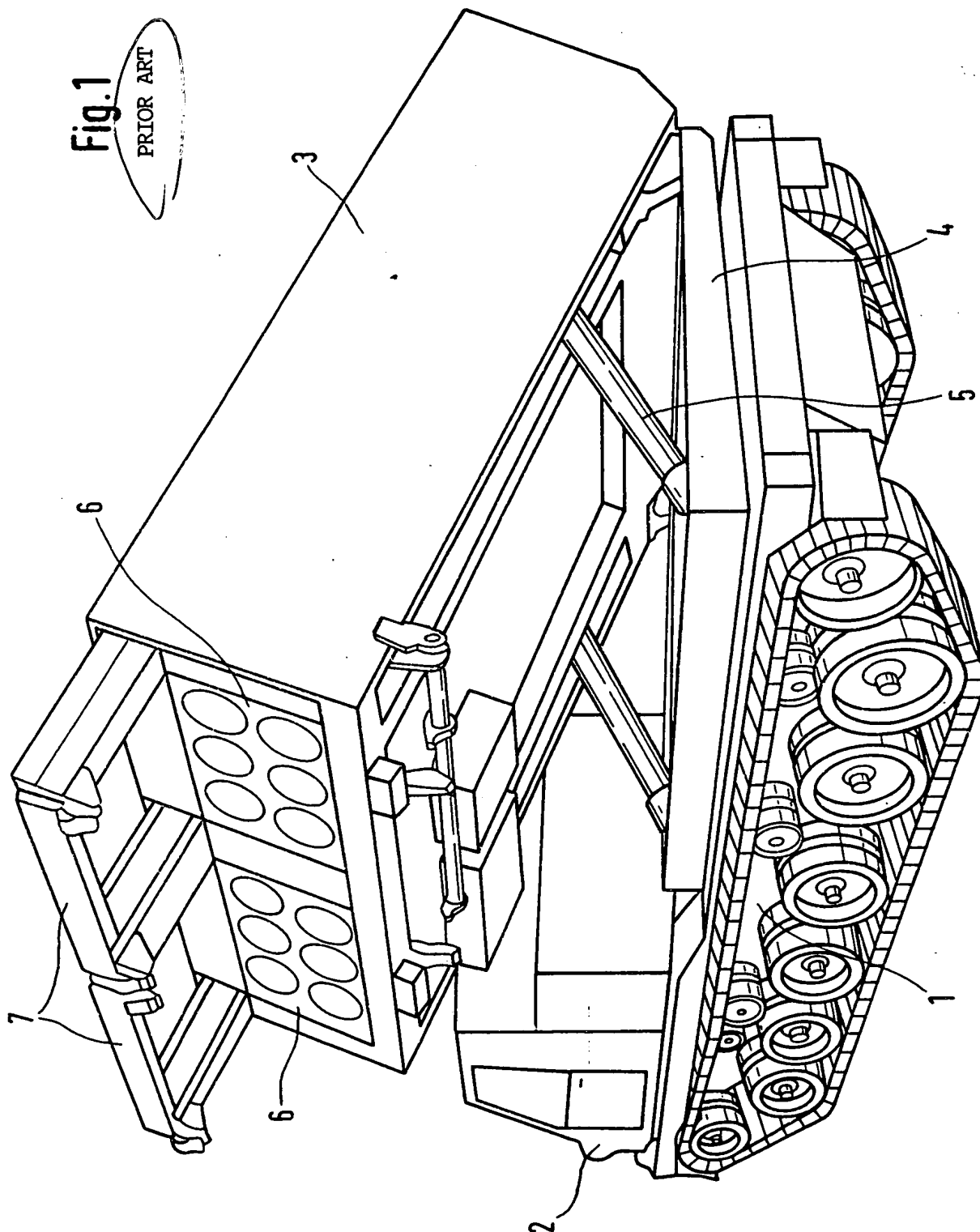


Fig. 2

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